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In re Application of Bret A. Ferrea			
Application Number 10/657,914-Conf. #5106		Filed September 9, 2003	
For <b>BIORESORBABLE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR SPINAL ARTHROPLASTY</b>			
Art Unit 3738		Examiner P. B. Prebille	

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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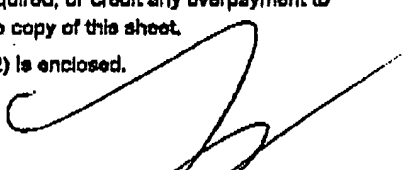
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